

NOVEMBER 9, 2004

CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

Following a Work Session, the Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Simillion, Stone, and Duba present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Hanson, Public Works Director Coleman, Police Chief Keehne, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, Electric Supervisor Bradford, Planner Antonucci, Planning Technician Ruggera, several interested citizens and the press. Councilor Smits was absent due to a work conflict and WSC Intern Johnston was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Ferguson stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the proposed 2005 City Budget. The City Clerk provided proof of publication. Finance Director Hanson reviewed the proposed budget's revenues and expenses. Mayor Ferguson called for public input.

Diane Lothamer, City resident, addressed the following issues: Liked the format of the document; Is pleased Council was cautious the past two years through the pessimism of the economy; Agrees with using some fund balance for the Community Center project; Thinks the City Newsletter idea is a good one; Agrees with the security gate at the Public Works shop; Appreciates the expenditure for continued Water Quality Monitoring; Would like to see some more accountability from the Contracts for Service recipients; Questions placing CityFest, Community Outreach and SculpTour under the Grants and Contracts for Services line items; Recommends continuing with the Master Plan, LDC and Three Mile Plan updates; Need to review the costs and fees charged for providing services in the Community Development Department; Need to look at refuse rates, especially to cover increased fuel costs, it's better to be hit with small incremental increases rather than by big hits; and Ms. Lothamer fully supports the proposed Budget document.

Hearing no further public comment, Mayor Ferguson closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes of October 26, 2004.

Councilor Simillion moved and Councilor Duba seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 26, 2004, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, abstain: Ferguson.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Unfinished Business:

Update on City Employee Compensation Pay Plan. Finance Director Hanson and City Manager Collins reviewed the development and concerns with the draft plan. Staff and employees are concerned with the lack of consistency in the sources used for the job market data and with the groupings of jobs into classifications. City Council was asked for direction on the issues. Discussion ensued. Council consensus was for Staff and MSEC to continue with the market survey data using the CML selected jurisdictions and use the MSEC data as a "reality check". MSEC will obtain the market data, set the mid-points for each position and establish the compensation ranges. Also, pursuing the reclassification of some positions to exempt status could wait until next year. MSEC will be here the end of next week to meet with individual employees to explain the market data collected. City Manager Collins stated the money may not be available to fully implement the entire pay plan in 2005, and priority will be given to employees farthest out of the market range.

New Business:

Challenge Grant Application from Gunnison Chamber of Commerce in the Amount of \$2,000 for Holiday Events. This item was discussed in the Work Session prior to the Regular Session.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Duba seconded the motion to approve the Challenge Grant application from the Gunnison Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,000 for their

holiday events with the following conditions: The awarded funds will be used to purchase advertising and posters; The City of Gunnison banner will be displayed at events; and The City's by-line will be displayed on all promotional material.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Duba, Simillion. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 13, Series 2004, Re: Amending Monthly Rates to be Charged for Electricity Consumed; 1st Reading.

Councilor Duba introduced Ordinance No. 13, Series 2004, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Duba seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 13, Series 2004, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF GUNNISON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FOR ELECTRICITY CONSUMED**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 9th day of November, 2004.

Mayor Ferguson asked if the recently passed Amendment 37 will affect the City of Gunnison electric rates. Public Works Director Coleman stated no, it will not at this time.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilor Stone moved and Councilor Duba seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing to receive public input on Ordinance No. 13, Series 2004, regarding amending the rates to be charged for electricity consumed, for Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll call vote, yes: Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Manager: Mark Collins. 1. Reported sales tax figures are up 5.58% year-to-date over 2003. 2. Photos of the progress at the Community Center are on the City website. 3. McPorts went out last week. The refurbished transformer at the City shop substation is carrying load and the new backup generator at the WWTP is installed and being tested.

Acting City Manager: Finance Director Wendy Hanson. Nothing to report.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. The Youth City Council Silent Auction Fundraiser will be held Friday, December 10th in the City Hall lobby.

WSC Intern: Matt Johnston. Absent.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Mayor Ferguson: Mayors'/Managers' Meeting Report. The City hosted the meeting last Thursday at the Columbine Restaurant. The new County Commissioners-elect were present. WSC reported their running track project is temporarily on hold. The County reported airline bookings are looking good for the winter and the Tenderfoot Project is raising funds.

Regional Transportation Association Meeting Report. The search for a full-time director is on-going and interviews have been conducted. An offer may be extended soon.

Councilors Simillion and Stone: Nothing further.

Councilor Duba: Reported on the planning process that has been taking place to integrate immigrants into the community. The planning process was facilitated with a grant and the local committee is working on applying for a \$300,000 grant to implement their program over 4 years. Colorado Trust is looking for community-wide collaboration in their granting of funds. Chief Keehne has been serving on the local committee for the City.

Councilor Duba informed Council he will be absent from the next Regular Session on November 23, 2004.

Adjournment: At 7:42 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk